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TITLE OF INVENTION

A HYBRID OPTICAL NETWORK AND A METHOD OF ROUTING DATA PACKETS IN A HYBRID OPTICAL NETWORK

SPECIFICATION IDENTIFICATION

the specification of which is attached hereto unless the following box is checked:

[X] the specification of which was filed on January 30, 2004, as United States Patent Application Serial No. or PCT International Application No. 10/597,560 and was amended on July 28, 2006.

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